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47 Male
53 Female
[109]

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1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	45	50	53	47	48	44	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	39	35	32	34	35	39	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	13	12	12	16	13	14	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	63	66	66	62	59	57	66	41	[139]
Disapprove.....	30	29	28	30	33	34	28	50	
Not sure.....	7	5	6	8	8	9	6	9	

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>6/98*</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>4/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	70	76	76	65	64	65	76	40	40	[140]
Disapprove.....	22	16	17	25	27	25	16	51	51	
Not sure.....	8	8	7	10	9	10	8	9	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>6/98**</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	53	63	61	54	52	49	61	32	[141]
Disapprove.....	36	27	31	34	38	37	31	60	
Not sure.....	11	10	8	12	10	14	8	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 3a. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Bill Clinton							[142]
June 1998.....	24	30	14	12	20	-	
April 1998.....	27	29	13	11	19	1	
April 2, 1998.....	23	21	20	13	22	1	
February 1998.....	29	28	14	12	17	-	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
October 1997.....	21	30	16	15	17	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
Kenneth Starr							[143]
June 1998.....	9	11	21	16	33	10	
April 1998.....	7	11	20	15	33	14	
February 1998.....	7	13	20	15	26	19	
February 7, 1998*.....	7	12	21	15	24	21	
January 31, 1998*.....	8	10	25	11	22	24	
January 24, 1998*.....	8	12	22	11	14	33	
June 1997.....	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997.....	2	8	18	6	6	60	
Bill Gates							[144]
June 1998 *.....	20	28	28	6	6	12	
February 1998.....	22	26	25	5	4	18	
Newt Gingrich							[145]
June 1998 *.....	7	18	27	21	23	4	
April 1998.....	5	18	28	20	23	6	
February 1998.....	6	20	31	18	19	6	
January 1998.....	6	17	26	21	25	5	
December 1997.....	7	17	24	18	29	5	
October 1997.....	4	18	24	21	27	6	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1997.....	6	15	18	25	30	6	

* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of approximately 400 adults.

* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of 806 adults.

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.3 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Al Gore							[146]
June 1998 **.....	18	26	31	10	13	2	
April 1998.....	16	29	29	12	11	3	
February 1998.....	18	29	27	12	11	3	
January 1998.....	13	26	29	16	12	4	
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
October 1997.....	10	27	28	15	17	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[147]
June 1998 **.....	26	22	21	11	19	1	
April 1998.....	26	25	19	13	16	1	
February 1998.....	27	25	19	11	17	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
October 1997.....	20	25	23	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Asked only of registered voters.

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	6/98	4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	10/97	High 2/98	Low 10/90+	
Approve.....	48	51	57	47	46	46	57	22	[148]
Disapprove.....	37	34	29	32	40	41	29	69	
Not sure.....	15	15	14	21	14	13	14	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4b. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1998 congressional elections -- a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>6/98*</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	39	37	41	40	41	41	45	44	44	[149]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	40	41	37	42	37	39	39	38	40	
Not sure ²	21	22	22	18	22	20	16	18	16	
					<u>10/96+</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94¹</u>
					42	42	40	41	42	44
					40	41	40	38	41	38
					18	17	20	21	17	18

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

4c. In this year's election for the U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>6/98**</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>10/96</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>8/20- 21/96+</u>	<u>8/2- 6/96+</u>	<u>7/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	[150]	
Vote for the Republican candidate....	32	30	30	29	38	36	37	38	37	35	36		
Vote for the Democratic candidate....	36	36	36	36	39	42	38	38	40	40	39		
Depends (VOL).....	16	18	22	18	8	7	11	10	10	10	9		
Other/neither/won't vote (VOL).....	6	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	1	1	2		
Not sure.....	10	12	9	13	14	13	12	12	12	14	14		
					<u>11/4- 3/96</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>
					36	34	40	39	33	31	30	29	34
					38	36	37	36	39	35	35	34	32
					12	17	6	6	9	14	14	21	21
					3	3	3	5	5	5	5	2	2
					11	10	14	14	14	15	16	14	11
							<u>10/27- 9/93</u>	<u>10/20- 28/92+</u>	<u>21/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>8/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>10/90</u>
							29	31	35	34	29	32	33
							32	32	45	45	46	43	35
							24	25	4	3	6	7	14
							2	3	1	1	2	1	2
							13	9	15	17	17	17	16

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Prior to March 1996, the question read "election for U.S. Congress. . ."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 4d. Please tell me which one or two of the following issues will be most important to you in deciding how to vote in this year's elections for U.S. senator and Congress. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.) ***

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Preserving Social Security and Medicare.....	43	
Improving public education.....	40	[151]
Reforming the health care system.....	28	>
Cutting taxes on middle class families.....	28	
Reforming campaign finance laws.....	8	
Passing comprehensive tobacco legislation...	6	
All equally (VOL).....	6	
None of these (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

5. Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that have been introduced in Congress this year. For each one I read, please tell me whether you favor or oppose this proposal. **

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Providing taxpayer-funded vouchers to help parents pay for private school tuition.....	43	52	5	[152]
Amending the Constitution to make it easier to engage in religious activities in public places....	57	38	5	[153]
Banning late-term, partial-birth abortions except when the life of the woman is in danger.	61	33	6	[154]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 6a. There is a proposal to establish education savings accounts, which would allow parents to set money aside in accounts that could earn interest tax-free to then be used for educational expenses including tuition at private schools. Supporters say this would help give more parents the chance to send their children to a better alternative to public schools. Opponents say it will take funding away from public schools and still won't be enough to help poor families pay for private schools.

Do you favor or oppose these education savings accounts? *

Favor education savings accounts.....	60	[155]
Oppose education savings accounts.....	32	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 6b. I'm going to mention some different people and groups who are involved with public education. For each one, please tell me whether you think of that person or group more as (a) part of the problem with the things that are wrong with public education today, or (b) part of the solution and helping to improve public education. If you feel that a particular person or group is not playing much of a role either way, just feel free to say so. **

	<u>Part Of The Problem</u>	<u>Part Of The Solution</u>	<u>Not Much Role</u>	<u>Some Of Both (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Teachers.....	20	62	7	8	3	[156]
Teachers unions.....	41	31	14	3	11	[157]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7. As you may know, some experts think that the federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. If that happens, for which one of the following would you like to see the surplus funds used -- fix the long-term Social Security funding program, provide tax cuts for families, or increase spending on public education?

	6/98*	2/98	
Fix the long-term Social Security funding program.....	39	39	[158]
Increase spending on public education.....	21	33	
Provide tax cuts for families.....	29	19	
All of these (VOL).....	6	6	
None of these (VOL).....	4	3	
Not sure.....	1	-	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8a. As you may know, the Senate recently defeated a bill that would impose an additional one dollar and ten cents per pack tax on cigarettes, restrict the advertising and marketing of cigarettes, and use the extra revenue to pay for children's health care programs or tax cuts. Do you feel that the Senate should or should not have passed this bill?

The Senate should have passed the bill.....	56	[159]
The Senate should not have passed the bill.....	39	
Not sure.....	5	

- 8b. In your opinion, who do you think deserves the most blame for failing to pass recent tobacco legislation -- the Democrats in the Senate or the Republicans in the Senate? **

Democrats in the Senate.....	16	[160]
Republicans in the Senate.....	33	
Both equal (VOL).....	17	
Neither (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	29	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8c. Why do you think the tobacco bill was defeated in the U.S. Senate--because it included a huge tax increase that would have led to billions in higher government spending, or because the tobacco industry used its political power and influence to oppose the bill. *

It included a huge tax increase.....	25	[161]
The tobacco industry used its political power.....	58	
Neither (VOL).....	4	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8d. If your member of Congress opposed comprehensive tobacco legislation, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for this person, or would it make little difference either way?

	6/98**	4/98	
More likely to vote for.....	15	13	[162]
Less likely to vote for.....	29	22	
Make little difference either way.....	52	63	
Not sure.....	4	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8e. In your opinion, is the cigarette industry doing all it can do to produce cigarettes that are not harmful to health, or do you think they could do more?

	6/98**	5/60 ¹	
Cigarette industry doing all it can do.....	9	37	[163]
Cigarette industry could do more.....	83	34	
Not sure.....	8	28	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Comparative data comes from a survey conducted in May 1960 by the Gallup Organization.

- 9a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	17		
Not very strong Democrat.....	11		
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11	Skip to Q9c	[164]
Strictly independent.....	20		
Independent/lean Republican.....	9		
Not very strong Republican.....	11	CONTINUE	
Strong Republican.....	13		
Other.....	5	Skip to Q9c	
Not sure/nothing.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.9a.)

- 9b. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for?

(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	All Republicans						
	6/98	4/98	1/98	9/97	7/97	4/97	
Texas Governor George Bush.....	34	40	26	24	20	24	[165-166]
Elizabeth Dole.....	18	NA	14	14	15	16	
Jack Kemp.....	10	NA ¹	16	14	14	17	
Dan Quayle.....	9	14	6	7	10	9	
Steve Forbes.....	7	11	10	11	7	8	
Newt Gingrich.....	5	5	5	4	5	NA	
John Ashcroft.....	2	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Lamar Alexander.....	2	3	4	2	5	3	
None/other (VOL).....	4	5	-	6	6	5	
Not sure.....	9	10	13	9	7	9	

¹ An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

- 9c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and Texas Governor George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
Al Gore.....	40	41	45	[167]
George W. Bush.....	44	44	39	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	5	8	
Not sure.....	9	10	8	

- 9d. Which party do you think is more influenced by special interests and lobbyists -- the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<u>6/98**</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Democratic Party.....	28	30	32	30	33	27	32	32	[168]
Republican Party.....	30	29	29	30	30	28	29	34	
Both equally (VOL).....	28	30	28	30	28	36	28	23	
Not sure.....	14	11	11	10	9	9	11	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

10. As you may know, President Clinton has refused to testify in the grand jury investigation of his alleged relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Do you approve or disapprove of President Clinton's decision not to testify in the Monica Lewinsky investigation? *

Approve.....	50	[169]
Disapprove.....	42	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11a. From what you may know, do you think that the investigation into President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky has or has not seriously distracted him from his duties as president? *

Has seriously distracted him from his duties as president.....	41	[170]
Has not seriously distracted him from his duties as president.....	54	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11b. Who do you think is the most responsible for the length of time in the investigation of President Clinton -- (A) President Clinton and his aides for deliberately holding back information, or (B) Kenneth Starr, who has expanded the original investigation to include the President's personal life? **

A/President Clinton.....	32	[171]
B/Kenneth Starr.....	55	
Both equally (VOL).....	8	
Neither (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 12a. Suppose that Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr concluded that President Clinton committed perjury by denying that he had sex with Monica Lewinsky, and Starr reported this to Congress. Do you think that these charges against President Clinton should or should not be serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings? *

Yes, should be serious enough.....	39	[172]
No, should not be serious enough.....	57	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12a. Suppose that Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr concluded that President Clinton committed perjury by denying that he had sex with Monica Lewinsky and obstructed justice, and Starr reported this to Congress. Do you think that these charges against President Clinton should or should not be serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings? **

Yes, should be serious enough.....	37	[173]
No, should not be serious enough.....	58	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 12b. How much confidence do you have that Kenneth Starr's report on President Clinton will be fair and impartial--a great deal of confidence, quite a bit, just some, or very little? **

	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u> ¹	
A great deal of confidence.....	11	13	[174]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	11	14	
Just some confidence.....	24	25	
Very little confidence.....	50	43	
Not sure.....	4	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Previously, this question was phrased, "As you may know, Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr will submit a report to Congress on his investigation of allegations involving President Clinton. How much confidence do you have that Starr's report will be fair - a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?"

- 13a. If Monica Lewinsky refuses to cooperate with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton, do you believe that she should or should not be indicted? *

Should be indicted.....	46	[175]
Should not be indicted.....	45	
Not sure.....	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 13b. Do you continue to be interested in the Clinton investigations or are you tired of hearing about it and would like to see it out of the news? **

Continue to be interested.....	14	[176]
Tired of hearing about it.....	83	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

13c. Now I'm going to read you two statements and I'd like for you to tell me which one you agree with more:

Statement A: The press reports and critics say that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has leaked secret Grand Jury evidence to the press and should be fired, OR

Statement B: Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr says that what he did was appropriate and no action should be taken. **

Agree Statement A:/Independent Counsel should be fired.....	49	[177]
Agree Statement B:/Independent Counsel acting appropriately.....	35	
Neither (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, moving to another subject . . .

14. As you may know, the nations of India and Pakistan recently tested nuclear devices. Do you think that the U.S. should have been able to prevent the nuclear testing or was it beyond the ability of the U.S. to control? *

U.S. should have been able to prevent testing.....	26	[178]
Beyond the ability of the U.S. to control.....	67	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

15. As you may know, President Clinton is scheduled to visit China later this month. Do you favor or oppose President Clinton's visit to China? **

Favor.....	60	[179]
Oppose.....	29	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16a. As part of President Clinton's visit to China, the welcoming ceremony is scheduled to be held in Tiananmen Square, which is where most visiting dignitaries are welcomed, but which was the site of pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989 that ended in the death of several hundred demonstrators. Do you think that the President should or should not agree to be welcomed in Tiananmen Square? **

Should agree to be welcomed in Tiananmen Square.....	48	[180]
Should not agree to be welcomed in Tiananmen Square.....	42	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16b. While President Clinton is in China, do you feel that he should or should not meet with dissidents and publicly criticize China's human rights policy? **

Should meet with dissidents and publicly criticize China's human rights policy.....	50	[208]
Should not meet with dissidents and publicly criticize China's human rights policy.....	39	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. In the past several years, the Clinton Administration has given the Chinese government permission to launch satellites made by U.S. companies. Do you think that this decision hurts the United States' interests because it gives the Chinese access to advanced technology that could be used for military

purposes, or do you think this decision helps the United States' interests because it has promoted jobs in the U.S. aerospace and technology industry? *

Hurts the United States' interests.....	48	[209]
Helps the United States' interests.....	36	
Not sure.....	16	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 18a. How likely do you think it is that the decision to allow the Chinese to launch U.S.-made satellites was influenced by campaign donations that U.S. aerospace executives made to the Democratic Party -- very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely? *

Very likely.....	37	[210]
Fairly likely.....	14	
Just somewhat likely.....	25	
Not that likely.....	14	
Not sure.....	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 18b. As you may know, the international value of the American dollar has risen recently. Some people say this is good for the U.S. economy because it makes imported goods less expensive for U.S. consumers. Others say this is bad for the U.S. economy because it decreases exports by making U.S. products more expensive in other countries. What is your view -- is the increasing value of the American dollar good or bad for the U.S. economy?

	<u>6/98*</u>	<u>1/97</u>	
Good for U.S. economy.....	53	57	[211]
Bad for U.S. economy.....	30	29	
Not sure.....	17	14	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

19a. I'm going to mention some specific aspects of medical care, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY SATISFIED

	<u>Very Satisfied</u> ¹	<u>Fairly Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The quality of the health care you and your family receive						[215]
June 1998.....	44	35	9	9	3	
September 1993.....	72		17	9	2	
March 1993.....	74		17	8	1	
The availability of health care to you and your family						[212]
June 1998.....	41	34	10	13	2	
September 1993.....	69		16	13	2	
March 1993.....	74		15	10	1	
The health care coverage you receive for preventive care						[213]
June 1998.....	33	35	13	14	5	
September 1993.....	54		23	17	6	
The ability of your insurance to cover you in the case of a catastrophic illness						[216]
June 1998.....	28	33	12	15	12	
September 1993.....	52		19	19	10	
March 1993.....	53		21	16	10	
The cost of the health care coverage you receive						[214]
June 1998.....	28	28	18	23	3	
September 1993.....	44		26	28	2	
March 1993.....	42		30	26	2	

¹ Prior to June 1998, respondents who were "satisfied" were not grouped according to whether they were very or only fairly satisfied.

19b. Which one of the following do you see as the most important health care issue at the present time?

	<u>6/98*</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
The cost of health care.....	29	42	42	48	[217]
People who are not covered by insurance	37	35	41	35	
The quality of health care.....	23	14	10	8	
All equally (VOL).....	9	7	5	8	
None of these (VOL).....	1	1	1	-	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

19c. Overall, how satisfied are you with the private health care insurance system in the United States -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? **

Very satisfied.....	12	[218]
Somewhat satisfied.....	34	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	26	
Very dissatisfied.....	21	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (VOL)...	3	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

19d. When it comes to dealing with the problem of health care, which party do you think would do a better job -- the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither? *

The Democratic Party.....	25	[219]
The Republican Party.....	12	
Both.....	34	
Neither.....	23	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 19e. When it comes to dealing with the problem of health care, which party do you think would do a better job – President Clinton, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither? *

President Clinton.....	26	[220]
The Republican Party.....	13	
Both.....	32	
Neither.....	24	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 20a. I'd like to find out about your current health care insurance. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, including Medicare or Medicaid?

Yes, covered by health insurance or health plan.....	89	Skip to Q.20c	[221]
No, not covered by health insurance or health plan.....	11	CONTINUE	
Not sure.....	-		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO," OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.20a.)

- 20b. Have you had any form of health insurance or health plan in the past five years? (IF "YES," ASK:) How long ago was it when you last were covered by a health insurance plan--less than a year ago, one year ago, two years, three years ago, four years ago, or about five years ago (IF "NO," ASK:) Why haven't you had any form of health insurance or health plan in the past five years -- because you can't afford it, because it's not worth it, because you don't care, or is there some other reason?

Yes, Had Insurance	74	[222-223]
Less than one year ago.....	22	
One year ago.....	12	
Two years ago.....	9	
Three years ago.....	7	
Four years ago.....	5	
Five years ago.....	10	
Not sure when.....	9	
No, Have Not Had Insurance	25	
Can't afford it.....	14	
It's not worth it.....	1	
Don't care about it.....	1	
Other reason.....	9	
Not Sure	1	

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN Q20a, THEN ASK ABOUT LAST FORM OF INSURANCE RESPONDENT HAD.)

20c. Is your current primary form of health insurance (was the last health insurance plan you had) Medicare or Medicaid? **(IF NO, ASK:)** Is (was) your health insurance: A traditional health insurance plan, where patients can go to almost any doctor or hospital, but often insurance only pays eighty percent of the cost of the visit, OR A managed care plan, such as an HMO or PPO, where patients are directed to a list of doctors and hospitals in the plan, and if they use doctors or hospitals in the plan, the plan pays all or almost all the costs, but if patients use doctors or hospitals outside those on the list, the patient pays more of the cost of the visit.

Yes, Medicare/Medicaid.....	18	[224]
No, traditional health insurance plan.....	28	
No, managed care, such as HMO or PPO.....	40	
Combination (VOL).....	4	
Other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	7	

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.20a, THEN ASK ABOUT LAST FORM OF INSURANCE RESPONDENT HAD.)

20d. Have you had occasion to switch health insurance plans in the past five years? **(IF YES, ASK:)** Did you switch mostly by your own choice, or mostly as a result of circumstances, such as your employer switched plans or you changed jobs or retired?

Yes, Switched Insurance	42	[225]
Mostly own choice.....	12	
Mostly circumstances.....	28	
Some of both (VOL).....	1	
Not sure why.....	1	
No, Have Not Switched Insurance	53	
Not Sure	5	

20e. How many visits to the doctor were made either by you or your family members in the past year?

None.....	5	10 to 14.....	17	[226-227]
One.....	7	15 to 20.....	7	
Two.....	9	20 to 24.....	5	
Three.....	8	25 or more.....	11	
Four.....	8	Not sure.....	1	
Five to nine.....	22			

20f. Do you or someone else in your family take prescription medication every day for a chronic medical condition?

Yes, take prescription medication every day.....	56	[228]
No, do not take prescription medication every day.....	44	
Not sure.....	-	

20g. How many nights were spent in the hospital either by you or family members in the past year?

None.....	71	10 to 14.....	3	[229-230]
One.....	5	15 to 20.....	1	
Two.....	4	20 to 24.....	1	
Three.....	4	25 or more.....	3	
Four.....	2	Not sure.....	-	
Five to nine.....	6			

C1. Now I would like to read you some trends that people criticize, and for each one I read, tell me whether that is something that bothers you, or something that does not bother you. If you don't know much about the trend I mention, please just say so. **(IF RESPONDENT IS BOTHERED, ASK:)** Well, does that make you extremely angry, somewhat angry, or is it something you accept even if you don't like it?

	BOTHERS						
	Makes Me Extremely Angry	Makes Me Some- what Angry	Just Accept It	Doesn't Bother	Don't Know Trend	Not Sure	
People who can afford to pay for it themselves get the latest treatments that some health plans won't pay for *	15	27	16	38	2	2	[231]
Doctors refuse to submit bills directly to traditional health insurance plans, so patients must pay out of their own pocket and then get reimbursed *	33	29	13	20	4	1	[232]
Some insurance plans require prior approval when you want to get medical care, even in an emergency, or they won't pay *	60	25	6	7	1	1	[233]
Workers with medical problems cannot switch jobs, because their new insurance company would not pay for treatment of their pre-existing condition*	53	27	8	8	2	2	[234]
Doctors have an ownership business interest in outpatient clinics that they send their patients to **	11	22	17	41	6	3	[235]
Employers pay a smaller share of the premium for workers' health insurance, or they offer no insurance plan at all **	31	32	15	17	2	3	[236]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

C2a. How satisfied were you with the medical treatment you or your family member received the last time you or a family member had to see a doctor or be admitted to a hospital for a serious medical problem--were you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied.....	59		[237]
Somewhat satisfied.....	26	CONTINUE	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	5		
Very dissatisfied.....	6		
No serious medical problem (VOL).....	4	Skip to Q.C3	
Not sure.....	-	CONTINUE	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAD A SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEM IN Q.C2a, OR WERE NOT SURE.)

C2b. How satisfied were you with how your health insurance company handled that claim--were you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied.....	54	[238]
Somewhat satisfied.....	24	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	8	
Very dissatisfied.....	7	
No claim submitted (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

C3. Which one of the following do you personally worry about the most when it comes to health care: **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

You won't be able to afford long-term care for yourself or your parents in old age.....	27	[239-240]
Your insurance will refuse to cover treatment that you need.....	23	

Your health plan will change and your favorite doctor will not be covered under the new plan.....	14
Your health records will not be kept confidential, so an employer or someone else finds out private information about your medical situation.....	7
You will be the victim of a medical malpractice mistake by your doctor or hospital.....	7
Hospitals, doctor's offices, or clinics in your area will close, and you won't have a nearby place to go for medical care.....	4
Other (VOL).....	2
None of these (VOL).....	7
All of these (VOL).....	8
Not sure.....	1

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

C6. For each of the following, tell me whether that applies or does not apply to you:

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Have switched from traditional fee-for-service to an HMO or other managed care plan in the past five years. .	26	73	1	[241]
You or a family member has ever had an insurance company or health plan deny treatment that a doctor recommended.....	12	87	1	[242]
Have been to an emergency room in the past year.....	38	62	-	[243]
Have had elective surgery in the past five years.....	26	73	1	[244]
Have not seen a doctor in three years or more *.....	13	87	-	[245]
Take a prescription drug every day *.....	52	48	-	[246]
Have a chronic, serious medical condition that will last for years and years *.....	39	59	2	[247]
Smoke cigarettes or cigars regularly *.....	26	74	-	[248]
My doctor is often too rushed to spend time with me *....	26	72	2	[249]
Have used a home testing kit **.....	21	78	1	[250]
You or a family member has tried alternative medicine not prescribed by a doctor, such as herbs, vitamins, or special therapies **.....	46	54	-	[251]
Responsible for the care of someone else **.....	33	66	1	[252]
You are at least fifteen pounds or more overweight **.....	46	52	2	[253]
My doctor's office staff often acts as a gate keeper -- keeping me away from the doctor **.....	18	80	2	[254]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- C8. For each group I name, tell me whether you feel that group is making the medical system work better for you as a consumer, work less well, or is not having much of an effect one way or the other. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY WORK BETTER

	Work Better	Work Less Well	Not Having Much Effect Either Way	Not Sure	
Nurses.....	67	8	19	6	[261]
Pharmacists and drug stores.....	63	10	23	4	[256]
Doctors.....	55	16	24	5	[255]
Hospitals.....	44	24	23	9	[260]
Pharmaceutical drug companies.....	35	29	23	13	[257]
Traditional insurance companies.....	32	24	30	14	[259]
The National Institutes of Health.....	29	7	30	34	[262]
United States Department of Health and Human Services.....	28	18	30	24	[263]
HMOs and other managed care plans.....	23	40	22	15	[258]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C9. Over the years, there have been a lot of TV shows about doctors. If you had to choose one, which of the following show's doctors would you choose as your own doctor: **

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HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The doctors from <i>ER</i>	25	[264-265]
Marcus Welby M.D.....	21	
Hawkeye Pierce from <i>MASH 4077</i>	15	
Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman.....	11	
The doctors from <i>Chicago Hope</i>	6	
Dr. Ben Casey.....	5	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None of these (VOL).....	9	
All of these (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 21a. New technology and medical procedures have increased the cost of health care dramatically over the past several years. Do you think that the government should or should not guarantee everyone the best and most advanced health care that technology can supply, knowing that we will have to find a way to pay for it. *

Should guarantee the best and most advanced health care that technology can supply.....	66	CONTINUE	[266]
Should not guarantee the best and most advanced health care that technology can supply.....	27	Skip to Q.22	
Not sure.....	7		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY GOVERNMENT SHOULD GIVE EVERYONE THE BEST MEDICAL CARE POSSIBLE IN Q.21a)

- 21b. Do you think that this should be paid for by increased taxes and a government program that guarantees medical care, or should it be paid for by the existing insurance companies and managed care organizations having higher premiums? *

Should be paid for by increased taxes and a government program.....	35	[267]
Should be paid for by existing insurance companies and managed care organizations having higher premiums.....	39	
Some of both (VOL).....	11	
Neither (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

22. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think it is an acceptable or unacceptable way to control the cost of health care? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Unacceptable</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Require that everyone pay some amount of deductible or co-payment each time they visit a physician or hospital.....	69	27	4	[268]
Base the amount of money people pay for health care on their ability to pay.....	64	32	4	[271]
Limit advanced and expensive medical procedures for people who are near the end of their life when the majority of health care dollars are consumed.....	32	58	10	[270]
Limit expensive medical procedures for people over eighty-five years of age.....	29	65	6	[269]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

23. Do you think the federal government should or should not guarantee access to health care services for all Americans if it cost you an extra two thousand dollars each year in taxes? **

Should guarantee access to health care services if it cost an extra \$2,000.....	43	[272]
Should not guarantee access to health care services if it cost an extra \$2,000.....	46	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 24a. Do you think that an individual who has the money should or should not be allowed to pay for more or better health care services than are available to other Americans? **

Should be able to pay for more or better health care services.....	68	[273]
Should not be able to pay for more or better health care services.....	28	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 24b. Do you think all employers, regardless of size, should or should not be required to provide health insurance for their employees?

	<u>6/98*</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	
Should be required to provide health insurance.....	67	55	57	[274]
Should not be required to provide health insurance.....	29	41	37	

Not sure..... 4 | 4 6

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 25a. For each of the following criteria, please tell me whether you think that it should or should not be used to determine the priority for organ transplant waiting lists. **

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY
SHOULD BE USED TO DETERMINE POLICY*

	Should Be Used To Determine Priority	Should Not Be Used To Determine Priority	Not Sure	
Seriousness of the patient's medical condition.....	88	9	3	[276]
Age.....	46	48	6	[275]
Lifestyle habits such as overeating or smoking....	37	56	7	[278]
Patient's ability to pay.....	7	89	4	[277]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B)

- 25b. I'm going to read you a list of diseases. Please tell me which of the following you are concerned that you might die from? Are there any others? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Cancer.....	53	[279]
Heart disease.....	37	>
Diabetes.....	11	
Alzheimer's.....	7	
AIDS.....	4	
None of these (VOL).....	10	
All of these (VOL).....	4	
Other.....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 25c. And which one do you think they will find a cure for in the next twenty years? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Cancer.....	37	[280]
AIDS.....	20	
Diabetes.....	12	
Alzheimer's.....	7	
Heart disease.....	7	
None of these (VOL).....	5	
All of these (VOL).....	7	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26. Which of the following do you think should be the most important goal of the Federal Drug Administration in approving new drugs -- (A) It should get new drugs to the market and available to patients as fast as possible, even if there is some risk of serious side effects, or (B) it should make absolutely sure that there is no risk of serious side effects before it approves a new drug.

A/get new drugs to the market as fast as possible.....	28	[308]
B/make absolutely sure there is no risk of serious side effects.....	66	
Not sure.....	6	

- 27a. Now I'm going to read you some concerns that people raise about the current health care system. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a major problem, a minor problem, or not much of a problem. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR PROBLEM

	<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Not Much Of A Problem</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Too many children lack adequate health care coverage.....	83	10	5	2	[311]
Long-term care for the elderly is unaffordable to most people.....	79	13	5	3	[314]
Too many Americans lack adequate health care coverage.....	79	12	6	3	[310]
It takes too long for seriously ill people to receive organ transplants.....	68	15	4	13	[312]
HMOs and managed care plans are more concerned with holding down costs than with providing proper care.....	67	19	9	5	[313]
You need to be wealthy to have proper medical care.....	55	24	18	3	[309]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 27b. Here are some specific health care reform proposals. For each one, please tell me if you favor or oppose that specific provision of the plan.

	<u>Favor Provision</u>	<u>Oppose Provision</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Providing exactly the same comprehensive benefits package for everyone				[315]
June 1998.....	69	27	4	
December 1993.....	65	29	6	
Charging all Americans the same for health care, regardless of factors like their age and where they live				[316]
June 1998.....	56	39	5	
December 1993.....	52	42	6	
Guaranteeing coverage for all Americans regardless of health or employment status				[317]
June 1998.....	77	19	4	
December 1993.....	78	17	5	

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about health maintenance organizations

- 28a. As you may know, a growing number of Americans have joined or been switched to HMOs and other managed care plans for their health coverage. In general, do you think this is a change for the better, a change for the worse, or not much of a change either way?

Change for the better.....	20	[318]
Change for the worse.....	40	
Not much of a change either way.....	30	
Not sure.....	10	

- 28b. Do you think that health maintenance organizations, or HMOs, have improved the quality of health care services, have made the quality of health care services worse, or have they not had much effect either way on the quality of health care services today?

HMOs have improved the quality of health care.....	16	[319]
HMOs have made the quality of health care services worse...	41	
HMOs have not had much effect either way on the quality of health care services.....	34	
Not sure.....	9	

29. When it comes to regulating HMOs and other managed care plans, do you think there is too much government regulation, too little government regulation, or the right amount of government regulation? *

Too much government regulation.....	29	[320]
Too little government regulation.....	35	
Right amount of government regulation....	20	
Not sure.....	16	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 30a. When you compare how people are treated in HMO and managed care plans and how people are treated in traditional health insurance plans, do you think that HMOs have helped, hurt, or not made a difference when it comes to the following items.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HMOs HAVE HURT

	HMOs Have Helped	HMOs Have Hurt	HMOs Have Not Made A Difference	Not Sure	
Patients developing long-term relationships with a specific doctor **.....	14	54	22	10	[321]
Doctors controlling treatment decisions--not insurance plan administrators *.....	14	54	19	13	[327]
People are able to see a specialist **.....	22	50	18	10	[323]
Making sure patients have enough time with their doctor *.....	13	47	27	13	[328]
Doctors informing patients about all medical options and treatments available **.....	16	47	24	13	[322]
Making sure people have access to all medical treatment available **.....	24	45	20	11	[325]
Reducing the amount of paperwork patients need to file for insurance *.....	36	25	19	20	[330]
Keeping the total U.S. health care costs at a reasonable rate **.....	35	23	28	14	[324]
Reducing individuals total health insurance premiums *.....	37	19	22	22	[331]
Covering the costs of prescription drugs *.....	44	19	18	19	[329]
Providing preventive health care services such as immunizations, physical exams, and health screenings **.....	45	16	25	14	[326]
Keeping out-of-pocket health care expenses at a reasonable rate *.....	47	15	20	18	[332]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 31a. When it comes to HMOs treating their patients, do you think that each of the following is an extremely serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not that much of a problem, or not a problem at all? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY OR SOMEWHAT SERIOUS PROBLEM

	Extremely Serious Problem	Somewhat Serious Problem	Not That Much Of A Problem	Not A Problem At All	Not Sure	
HMOs requiring patients to get approval before going to an emergency room.....	64	18	6	7	5	[333]
HMOs having no easy appeal process when their health plan refuses to pay for medical treatment their doctor says is necessary.....	56	24	5	8	7	[335]
HMO rules that restrict the patient's right to sue for damages if improperly denied care....	46	29	8	7	10	[334]
HMOs requiring patients to go through a gate keeper before gaining access to a specialist.....	37	29	14	13	7	[336]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 31b. I'm going to read you some proposals to reform HMOs and other managed care plans. For each one, please tell me whether you think that it is something you favor or oppose. (IF "FAVOR," ASK:) And do you favor it even if you would have to pay an extra twenty-five dollars a month? **

	<u>Favor</u>				
	<u>Even If Have To Pay Extra \$25 A Month</u>	<u>But Not If Have To Pay Extra \$25 A Month</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Allowing a minimum forty-eight-hour hospital stay for women who have undergone a mastectomy or other breast cancer treatment.....	56	15	18	11	[337]
Allowing people to receive emergency room care outside of their health plan's coverage area.....	62	21	10	7	[338]
Giving people more rights to appeal when their health plan refuses to pay for medical treatment their doctor says is necessary.....	61	23	8	8	[339]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 32a. Please tell me which of these statements comes closer to your view about dealing with HMOs and other managed care plans.

Statement A: Passing new regulations on HMOs is a good idea because consumers have been treated unfairly by health plans and have not received the quality medical care they deserve, OR

Statement B: Passing new regulations on HMOs is a bad idea because it would result in huge government bureaucracy and significantly raise the cost of health insurance for everyone. *

Statement A:/Passing new regulations on HMOs is a good idea...	51	[340]
Statement B:/Passing new regulations on HMOs is a bad idea.....	32	
Both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 32b. If there were two candidates running for Congress, and Candidate A supported tougher regulations to protect consumers from unfair treatment from HMOs and other managed care plans, and Candidate B said that additional government regulation of the health care industry would increase the size of government and raise the cost of health insurance, which candidate would you be more likely to support? **

Candidate A/supports tougher regulations.....	69	[341]
Candidate B/additional regulations would increase the size of government.	18	
Neither (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

33. When it comes to dealing with the issue of reforming HMOs and other managed care plans, who do you think would do a better job -- Bill Clinton and the Democrats or the Republicans in Congress? *

Bill Clinton and the Democrats.....	42	[342]
Republicans in Congress.....	28	
Neither (VOL).....	16	
Not sure.....	14	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

34. From what you know, what is the financial status of the Medicare system -- is it in good shape and needs no real changes, is it facing some problems and needs minor changes, or is it facing serious problems and needs major changes? **

In good shape/needs no real changes.....	4	[343]
Is facing some problems/needs minor changes.....	30	
Is facing serious problems/needs major changes.....	55	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

35. As you may know, the Medicare system is facing financial problems and will have to reduce spending over the next several years. Here are a number of reforms that have been proposed to deal with Medicare's problems. For each one, please tell me whether it is something you strongly favor, mildly favor, mildly oppose, or strongly oppose. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR MILDLY FAVOR

	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Mildly Favor</u>	<u>Mildly Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Charging Medicare recipients lower premiums if they join an HMO or other managed care plan.....	23	32	16	20	9	[347]
Reducing the amounts that Medicare reimburses doctors and hospitals for services.....	16	23	24	28	9	[346]
Raising the Medicare payroll tax rate.....	8	24	23	36	9	[345]
Raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 68.....	12	18	20	46	4	[344]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	10	[348-349]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	6	
60-64.....	5	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	2	

F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[350-351]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	28	
Some college, no degree.....	22	
Vocational training, 2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/manager.....	24	[352-359]
White collar worker.....	20	
Blue collar worker.....	20	
Farmer.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	20	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	5	
Other.....	-	
Never worked/not sure.....	2	

- F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	6	[362]
Somewhat liberal.....	18	
Moderate.....	27	
Somewhat conservative.....	22	
Very conservative.....	10	
Views cannot be described in those terms....	13	
Not sure.....	4	

- F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	85	[363]
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	3	

- F6. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election?

(IF YES, ASK:) For whom did you vote -- Bill Clinton, the Democrat, Bob Dole, the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate?

<u>Yes, Voted</u>		
Bill Clinton.....	40	[364]
Bob Dole.....	25	
Ross Perot.....	6	
Other (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	6	
<u>No, Did Not Vote</u>	19	
<u>Not Sure If Voted/Refused</u>	4	

- F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	22	[365]
Married.....	55	
Separated.....	3	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F8. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	35	[366]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	63	
Not sure.....	2	

F9. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	50	CONTINUE	[367]
Catholic.....	29		
Jewish.....	3		
Other.....	12	Skip to Q.F11	
None.....	3		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASKED ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F9.)

F10. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	17	[368]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	30	
Not sure.....	3	
Non-Protestants (Q.F9).....	50	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	12	[369]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	78	
Not sure.....	3	

F12. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[370]
White.....	77	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F13. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[371]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	10	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	14	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	8	
More than \$100,000.....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	15	